

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense approved for full committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for Defense for fiscal year 2012.

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Ashton B. Carter, of Massachusetts, to be Deputy Secretary of Defense, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senator Lieberman, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

HOUSING FINANCE REFORM

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine housing finance reform, focusing on if there should be a government guarantee, after receiving testimony from Richard K. Green, University of Southern California, Los Angeles; Peter J. Wallison, American Enterprise Institute, and Adam J. Levitin, Georgetown University Law Center, both of Washington, D.C.; and Dwight M. Jaffee, University of California Berkeley Haas School of Business.

TAX REFORM

Committee on Finance: Subcommittee on Fiscal Responsibility and Economic Growth concluded a hearing to examine whether there is a role for tax reform in comprehensive deficit reduction and United States fiscal policy, after receiving testimony from Alan Greenspan, Greenspan Associates LLC, and John M. Engler, Business Roundtable, both of Washington, D.C.; John B. Taylor, Stanford University, Stanford, California; Martin Feldstein, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts; and Edward D. Kleinbard, University of Southern California Gould School of Law, Los Angeles.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Wendy Ruth Sherman, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary for Political Affairs, John A. Heffern, of Missouri, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Armenia, Francis Joseph Ricciardone, Jr., of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Turkey, Robert Stephen Ford, of Vermont, to be Ambassador to the Syrian Arab Republic, and Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, all of the Department of State.

AMERICA'S SAFETY TEN YEARS AFTER 9/11

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ten years after 9/11, focusing on if we are safer, after receiving testimony from Janet Napolitano, Secretary of Homeland Security; Robert S. Mueller III, Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice; and Matthew G. Olsen, Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence.

THREATS AGAINST AMERICA'S AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SYSTEM

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia concluded a hearing to examine agro-defense, focusing on responding to threats against America's agriculture and food system, including challenges for the food and agriculture sector in responding to potential terrorist attacks and natural disasters, after receiving testimony from Lisa Shames, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, Government Accountability Office; Doug Meckes, Branch Chief, Food, Agriculture, and Veterinary Defense Branch, Office of Health Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; Ted Elkin, Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services; Sheryl Maddux, Deputy Director, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Coordination, and John R. Clifford, Deputy Administrator and Chief Veterinary Officer, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, both of the Department of Agriculture; Colonel John T. Hoffman, USA (Ret.), University of Minnesota National Center for Food Protection and Defense, St. Paul; and Paul Williams, Georgia Emergency Management Agency Division of Homeland Security Agriculture, Food and Veterinary Programs Director, Atlanta.

POVERTY

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Primary Health and Aging concluded a hearing to examine poverty, after receiving testimony from Garrett Adams, Beersheba Springs Medical Center, Beersheba Springs, Tennessee; Sarah Kemble, Desmond Callan Community Health Center, Northfield, Massachusetts; Paula Braveman, University of California San Francisco Center on Social Disparities in Health; Michael F. Cannon, Cato Institute, Washington, D.C.; Tim Hulsey, Bowling Green, Kentucky; and Phyllis Zolotorow, Ellicott City, Maryland.

CIVIL RIGHTS DIVISION OVERSIGHT

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Civil Rights Division, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Perez, Assistant Attorney General, Civil Rights Division, Department of Justice.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE 9/11 ATTACKS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a joint hearing with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to examine the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, after receiving testimony from James R. Clapper, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; and David P. Petraeus, Director, Central Intelligence Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 10 public bills, H.R. 2900–2909; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 77, and H. Res. 397–398, were introduced. **Pages H6138–39**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H6139–40**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Duncan (TN) to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6101**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:22 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H6103**

Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Leroy Adams, Jr., Morning Star Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska. **Page H6103**

Suspension: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Surface and Air Transportation Programs Extension Act of 2011: H.R. 2887, to provide an extension of surface and air transportation programs. **Pages H6106–19**

Empowering Parents through Quality Charter Schools Act: The House passed H.R. 2218, to amend the charter school program under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, by a recorded vote of 365 ayes to 54 noes, Roll No. 705. Consideration of the measure began on September 8th. **Pages H6119–23**

Rejected the Hanabusa motion to recommit the bill to the Committee on Education and the Workforce with instructions to report the same back to the House forthwith with an amendment, by a recorded vote of 189 ayes to 231 noes, Roll No. 704. **Pages H6120–22**

Rejected:

Holt amendment (No. 7 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that was debated on September 8th that sought to encourage the Secretary of Education to include a priority for green school building practices in the application for states to ensure that federal investment in charter school facilities would be energy efficient and environmentally friendly (by a recorded vote of 195 ayes to 220 noes, Roll No. 702) and **Page H6119**

King (IA) amendment (No. 8 printed in part A of H. Rept. 112–200) that was debated on September 8th that sought to strike subparagraph (d) of subsection (6) of Sec. (9) which is part of the definition of “high quality charter schools.” Sought to strike the following language: “(D) has demonstrated success in increasing student academic achievement for the subgroups of students described in section 1111(b)(2)(C)(v)(II) (by a recorded vote of 43 ayes to 374 noes, Roll No. 703). **Pages H6119–20**

H. Res. 392, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2218) and (H.R. 1892), was agreed to on September 8th.

Committee Resignation: Read a letter from Representative Altmire, wherein he resigned from the Committee on Small Business. **Page H6123**

Committee Election: The House agreed to H. Res. 398, electing a Member to a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives. **Page H6123**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H6119, H6120, H6122, and H6122–23. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.